

BRIEFING NOTES

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INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS BROADCAST  
TO THE HEMISPHERE BY RADIO HAVANA

- I. On 28 January Radio Havana carried a speech by Cuban Communist leader and Havana University rector Juan Marinello honoring the birthdate of Cuban independence hero Jose Marti. Excerpt:

"We must ask the sister nations to increase their activities...until revolutionary action forces imperialism to retreat. We are convinced that in the immediate future the heroic, inexorable, and invincible struggle which the heroic people of Venezuela are waging today will break out through the length and breadth of our America. Cubans expect that on next Marti Day, 28 January 1964, we will salute a Latin America in invincible liberating action, in the unbreakable determination to achieve a worthy homeland or die a worthy death.... Whoever rises up today with Cuba rises up forever."

- II. Fidel Castro told delegates at the closing session of a "Congress of Women of the Americas" on 15 January that only through revolution could they win

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for themselves the gains which had been won by Cuban women. His statement was broadcast to the hemisphere.

Excerpt:

"The problem for us today is to work and to fight. Your problem is to fight in order to work later...what is needed are experts on changing the situation, experts on leading peoples in revolutions. That is the art of the revolutionaries, the art that must be learned and developed.

"How to bring the masses to the struggle? It is the masses who make history, but for them to make history, the masses must be taken to the battle. That is the duty of the leaders and the revolutionary organizations, to make the masses march, to launch the masses into battle. That is what they did in Algeria and that is what the patriots are doing in South Vietnam....It was the movement of the masses unleashed in the struggle against tyranny which culminated in the victory of the (Cuban) people."

III. On 4 February, the first anniversary of the Castro statement which Cuba calls "the Second Declaration of Havana" and describes as "the Communist Manifesto of our times for Latin America," the statement was

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re-broadcast twice to the hemisphere. Prensa Latina, the Cuban propaganda agency, prefaced the re-transmission of the broadcast with the following remarks: Excerpt:

"Venezuela, Peru, and Colombia today are witnessing the heroism of their sons, of many of their sons, imbued with the revolutionary spirit that pervades the Second Havana Declaration.... We are no longer interested in patching up Latin America; it is necessary to remove the brutal dress of imperialist exploitation of our peoples and don the new dress of Latin American revolution."

IV. On 23 January Blas Roca, one of the two top Communist party members in Cuba, gave a particularly incendiary speech at a Havana meeting commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Perez Jimenez regime in Venezuela. Excerpt:

"We shall continue to give our support, each day in greater proportions, to the Venezuelan people. They will not be alone in their fight.... When the people of Venezuela achieve their full independence from imperialism; when they become owners of their fabulous wealth...when they are in full command in their country, then all

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Latin America will be ablaze, all America will move forward, all America will free itself once and for all from Yankee imperialism.... The victory of Venezuela will give Cuba a tremendous boost. We will cease to be the solitary Caribbean island facing the Yankee imperialists and we will have a nation in the continent to back us."

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